CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

Title of publication: Rocco Ravishes L.A.

Other known title(s): Rocco Ravishes LA

OFLC ref: 0901547.000

Medium: DVD

Distributor: Calvista NZ Ltd

Director: Rocco Siffredi

Producer: Not stated

Country of origin: United States

Language: English

Applicant: Film & Video Labelling Body

Classification:	The unexcised version of this publication is classified as Objectionable. The excised version of this publication is classified as Objectionable except if the availability of the publication is restricted to persons who have attained the age of 18 years.

Excisions: Recommended but not made

Descriptive note: None

Display conditions: None

Date of entry in Register: 14 December 2009

Date of direction to issue a label: No direction to issue a label has been issued

	Components	Running time
Menu:	Play Feature Filmographies Cast List	

	Biography Scenes Selection Behind The Scenes Photo Gallery Quickies	
Feature(s):	Rocco Ravishes L.A.	115:51
Timed component(s):	Filmographies Behind The Scenes Cast List Photo Gallery Biography Rocco: Puppet Master 4 Rocco: Puppet Master 5 Rocco's Lost Movie Notices	6:30 13:50 0:29 9:47 1:30 0:57 0:59 0:59 0:45
Total running time:		151:37

Summary of reasons for decision:

The publication is a sexually explicit DVD. Three excisions were required to scene three of the feature, to remove sequences that are strongly degrading, dehumanising and demeaning to women by presenting them solely as sexual utilities. The sequences are filmed in a manner that intensifies this effect. These depictions encourage the intended male audience to become sexually aroused by women being degraded and dehumanised in a sexual context and presents women as willing to demean themselves solely for men's sexual gratification.

Had the excisions been made the publication would have been classified as objectionable except if the availability of the publication is restricted to persons who have attained the age of 18 years. The distributor declined the opportunity to make the excision and the publication is therefore classified as objectionable.

The Classification Office has considered the effects of the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act (1990) on the application of the classification criteria. The classification interferes with the freedom of expression, but this is an outcome that is consistent with Parliament's intention that publications that contain degrading, dehumanising and demeaning conduct, and that degrade, dehumanise and demean women to such an extent and degree that the publication is likely to be injurious.